

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for a user to access information and applications on a network, the system comprising:

a server computer comprising a processor and a storage device;

a client computer connected to the server computer; and

a portal stored in the storage device of the server computer and accessible by the user on the client computer, the portal being configured to provide access to information and applications on a network, the portal comprising:

a plurality of sections, wherein each section of the plurality of sections comprising means for providing access to a particular type of information or application stored on the network; and

means for the user to personalize at least one section of the plurality of sections to provide the user with access to particular information and applications related to the at least one section of the plurality of sections as selected by the user.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein the plurality of sections comprises:

a first section, the first section comprises means for providing access to information and applications pertaining to an organization associated with the user;

a second section, the second section comprises means for providing access to information and applications pertaining to personal selections by the user;

a third section, the third section comprises means for providing access to information and applications pertaining to a division of the organization associated with the user;

a fourth section, the fourth section comprises means for providing access to information and applications pertaining to customers of the organization associated with the user;

a fifth section, the fifth section comprises means for providing access to information and applications pertaining to performance of the organization associated with the user; and

a sixth section, the sixth section comprises means for providing access to information and applications pertaining to providing feedback to the organization.

3. The system of claim 2 wherein the first section, the second section, the third section, the fourth section, the fifth section and the sixth section each comprise at least one module being configured to provide access to information and applications on the network.

4. The system of claim 3 wherein the means for the user to personalize at least one section of the plurality of sections comprises means for the user to select at least one module for the section of the plurality of sections being personalized by the user.

5. The system of claim 4 wherein the means for the user to select at least one module comprise:

- means for filtering modules to generate a list of modules;
- means for previewing a module from a list of modules; and
- means for selecting a module from a list of modules.

6. The system of claim 4 wherein the means for the user to personalize at least one section of the plurality of sections comprises means for arranging the selected at least one module in the section of the plurality of sections being personalized.

7. The system of claim 4 wherein the means for the user to personalize at least one section of the plurality of sections comprises means for removing a module from the section of the plurality of sections being personalized.

8. The system of claim 3 wherein said at least one module is constructed with Java Server Page.

9. The system of claim 3 wherein the at least one module being configured to provide access to information and applications located remotely from the network.

10. The system of claim 1 wherein the client computer and the server computer are connected on an Intranet.

11. A portal for a user to obtain access to information and applications stored at a plurality of locations, the portal comprising:

a plurality of sections, wherein each section of the plurality of sections being directed to a group of related information sources and applications stored at a plurality of locations, and each section of the plurality of sections comprising means for providing access to the corresponding group of related information sources and applications; and

means for the user to personalize at least one section of the plurality of sections to provide the user with access to particular information sources and applications in the group of related information sources and applications designated by the user.

12. The portal of claim 11 wherein the plurality of sections comprises:  
a first section, the first section being directed to a group of information sources and applications pertaining to an organization associated with the user;

a second section, the second section being directed to a group of information sources and applications pertaining to personal selections by the user;

a third section, the third section being directed to a group of information sources and applications pertaining to a division of the organization associated with the user;

a fourth section, the fourth section being directed to a group of information sources and applications pertaining to customers of the organization associated with the user;

a fifth section, the fifth section being directed to a group of information sources and applications pertaining to performance of the organization associated with the user; and

a sixth section, the sixth section being directed to a group of information sources and applications pertaining to providing feedback to the organization associated with the user.

13. The portal of claim 12 wherein the first section, the second section, the third section, the fourth section, the fifth section and the sixth section each comprise at least one module being configured to provide access to the related group of information sources and applications.

14. A computer program product embodied on a computer readable medium and executable by a computer for a user to obtain access to information and applications stored at a plurality of locations, the computer program product comprising:

a plurality of sections, wherein each section of the plurality of sections being directed to a group of related information sources and applications stored at a plurality of locations, and each section of the plurality of sections comprising means for providing access to the corresponding group of related information sources and applications; and

means for the user to personalize at least one section of the plurality of sections to provide the user with access to particular information sources and applications in the group of related information sources and applications designated by the user.

15. The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the plurality of sections comprises:

a first section, the first section being directed to a group of information sources and applications pertaining to an organization associated with the user;

a second section, the second section being directed to a group of information sources and applications pertaining to personal selections by the user;

a third section, the third section being directed to a group of information sources and applications pertaining to a division of the organization associated with the user;

a fourth section, the fourth section being directed to a group of information sources and applications pertaining to customers of the organization associated with the user;

a fifth section, the fifth section being directed to a group of information sources and applications pertaining to performance of the organization associated with the user; and

a sixth section, the sixth section being directed to a group of information sources and applications pertaining to providing feedback to the organization associated with the user.

16. The computer program product of claim 15 wherein the first section, the second section, the third section, the fourth section, the fifth section and the sixth section each comprise at least one module being configured to provide access to a particular information source or application designated by the user.

17. The computer program product of claim 16 wherein the means for the user to personalize at least one section of the plurality of sections comprises:

means for the user to select at least one module for the section of the plurality of sections being personalized by the user, the means for the user to select at least one module comprises:

means for filtering modules to generate a list of modules;

means for previewing a module from a list of modules; and

means for selecting a module from a list of modules.

18. The computer program product of claim 16 wherein the at least one module comprises a plurality of modules; and

the means for the user to personalize at least one section of the plurality of sections comprises means for arranging the plurality of modules in the section of the plurality of sections being personalized.

19. The computer program product of claim 16 wherein the means for the user to personalize at least one section of the plurality of sections comprises means for removing a module from the section of the plurality of sections being personalized.

20. The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the means for providing access to the corresponding group of related information sources comprises means for providing access to information sources and applications stored on at least one of an Intranet, an Internet and an internal network.